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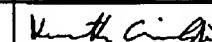
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APPEAL BRIEF

In re the Application of Ernst Engler et al.

Filed: November 5, 2003

Serial No. 10/702,422

For: AQUEOUS DISPERSION OF LOW-MELTING ORGANIC SOLIDS

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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity

Fee (\$) **Fee (\$)**

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Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims

Extra Claims

Fee (\$)

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APPEAL BRIEF

This is an appeal from the rejection dated May 11, 2007 finally rejecting claims 1, 3-8 and 10. The rejected claims are set out in Appendix J. Appellants filed a Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 on July 30, 2007.

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(C) Real Party In Interest

The owner of the present application and the invention contained therein is
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(D) Related Appeals, Interferences or Judicial Proceedings

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No appeals, interferences or judicial proceedings are known to Appellants, the Appellants' legal representative, or the assignee which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

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(E) Status Of Claims

The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims pending: 1, 3-8 and 10

Allowed claims: none

Claims objected to: none

Claims canceled: 2 and 9

Claims rejected: 1, 3-8 and 10

Claims on appeal: 1, 3-8 and 10

Claims withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner: none.

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(F) Status Of Amendments

Appellants have not filed an amendment after final rejection in the present application.

(G) Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

Claim 1: The present invention provides an aqueous composition [page 1, line 31] comprising from 15 [page 3, line 2] to 30% [page 1, line 32] of 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone [page 2, lines 29-30], at least one inorganic filler [page 2, lines 1-2], at least one surfactant [page 2, line 2] and no more than 5% organic solvent [page 3, line 8]; said composition being stable with regard to agglomeration and phase separation for at least three months at room temperature [page 2, lines 3-4].

Claim 6: The present invention further provides a method for producing an aqueous dispersion [page 2, lines 5-6] comprising from 15 [page 3, line 2] to 30% [page 2, line 6] of 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone [page 2, lines 29-30], at least one inorganic filler [page 2, line 8], at least one surfactant [page 2, line 8] and no more than 5% organic solvent [page 3, line 8]; said composition being stable with regard to agglomeration and phase separation for at least three months at room temperature [page 2, lines 9-10]; said method comprising combining in water said organic compound, the inorganic filler and the surfactant, at a temperature from 0°C to 35°C with agitation to provide a substantially uniform dispersion [page 2, lines 10-13].

(H) Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

Claims 1 and 3-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. 4,906,274 ("Mattox '274") in view of E.P. 490,565 ("Mattox '565") in view of WO 95/00019 ("Payne").

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Mattox '274 in view of Mattox '565 in view of Payne, in view of E.P. 1,060,667 ("Kostansek"), in view of U.S. 5,332,430 ("Gerigk").

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(I) Argument

(a) Regarding whether or not claims 1 and 3-8 are unpatentable over U.S. 4,906,274 ("Mattox '274") in view of E.P. 490,565 ("Mattox '565") in view of WO 95/00019 ("Payne"):

The final Office Action asserts that the amount of ingredients disclosed in the prior art "meets applicants claimed weight percents for those ingredients," i.e., the ranges overlap. "However, if the reference's disclosed range is so broad as to encompass a very large number of possible distinct compositions, this might present a situation analogous to the obviousness of a species when the prior art broadly discloses a genus." M.P.E.P. § 2144.05(I); *see also In re Peterson*, 315 F.3d 1325 (Fed. Cir. 2003). In this case, '274 discloses 0.1-99.9% of 3-isothiazolones and 0-99.8% of an organic solvent, ranges so broad that they do not teach or suggest anything in particular. The '565 reference is not much better, disclosing 0.01-50 parts isothiazolone, 0.0001-10 parts copper compound and optionally 40-99.9899 parts organic solvent. '565 discloses also that 0.01-30% of the organic composition may be used in an aqueous composition. A large variety of compositions can be derived from these parameters. Thus, the references disclose a genus in which the isothiazolone and solvent concentrations are very broadly defined. This is in contrast to the present claims, which disclose a species comprising a specific combination of concentrations and ingredients which has been shown to produce a stable aqueous dispersion. Claims 1 and 6 recite compositions having from 15-30% 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone ("DCOIT") and no more than 5% organic solvent. Claims 3 and 7 further limit the amount of DCOIT to 18-25%, and claims 4 and 8 limit the inorganic filler to "titanium dioxide and kaolin in a total amount from 6% to 10%," and further limit the amount of organic solvent to no more than 2%. There is no disclosure in the prior art which suggests these combinations of features.

"The fact that a claimed species or subgenus is encompassed by a prior art genus is not sufficient by itself to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness." M.P.E.P. § 2144.08(II); *see also In re Baird*, 16 F.3d 380 (Fed. Cir. 1994). The Office is required to "find some motivation or suggestion to make the claimed invention in light of the prior

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art teachings." M.P.E.P. § 2144.08(II)(A). The references disclose broad percentage ranges, but do nothing to suggest the particular combination claimed by Appellants. Appellants respectfully submit that the Office has not established a *prima facie* case because there is nothing in the references which suggests Appellants' claimed parameters or even suggests that one could prepare the claimed stabilized aqueous dispersion. One factor in assessing motivation to select a claimed species or subgenus from a prior art genus is "the size of the prior art genus." M.P.E.P. § 2144.08(II)(A)(4)(a); *see also In re Baird*, 16 F.3d 380 (Fed. Cir. 1994). One skilled in the art would need to choose from among the very large number of possible combinations in the references to produce the present claims. Therefore, Appellants respectfully submit that the rejections should be withdrawn.

The Advisory Action mailed July 25, 2007 asserts that "since the ranges are percents ranging from essentially 0 to 100, the examiner does not consider the ranges described within '274 or the other references to be so broad as to be a genus of applicants claimed invention." Appellants respectfully submit that when a reference discloses a range from 0.1 to 99.9% for a component level, this disclosure encompasses substantially all of the possible values of that component level. The Advisory Action contrasts percent ranges with particle diameter ranges, contending that a range of "100 mm-0.1 nm" in the latter could constitute a genus. However, this range of particle sizes, although large, does not encompass substantially all possible diameters. Even if it did, it still would not be broader than the cited percentage range. The argument made in the Advisory Action would imply that a disclosed range could define a genus if expressed in absolute terms, but not if expressed as a percentage. Appellants do not believe this argument to be correct, and submit that a broad percent composition disclosure can define a genus.

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(b) Regarding whether or not claims 1, 3-8 and 10 are unpatentable over Mattox '274 in view of Mattox '565 in view of Payne, in view of E.P. 1,060,667 ("Kostanek"), in view of U.S. 5,332,430 ("Gerigk"):

This rejection relies on Mattox '274, Mattox '565 and Payne in the same manner as the first rejection. Appellants repeat here in their entirety the arguments provided above in part (a) against these references. The Kostanek reference was relied on only for its disclosure "that the melted active can also contain a solvent, and the Gerigk reference only for its "disclosure that paint systems containing biocides may contain fillers such as kaolin." With regard to Gerigk, Appellants respectfully point out that paint systems typically contain biocides in much lower amounts, usually ppm levels, than the minimum 15% DCOIT recited in Appellants' claims, as shown in the examples of the references. Appellants submit that this rejection too should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Appellants respectfully submit that the pending claims are currently in condition for allowance. Appellants respectfully request the Board to pass the pending claims to allowance. Enclosed herewith, Appellants have filed a Certificate of Mailing to establish the timely filing of this Appeal Brief. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required, or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 18-1840.

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(J) Claims Appendix

1. An aqueous composition comprising from 15 to 30% of 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone, at least one inorganic filler, at least one surfactant and no more than 5% organic solvent; said composition being stable with regard to agglomeration and phase separation for at least three months at room temperature.
3. The composition of claim 1 containing from 18% to 25% of 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone.
4. The composition of claim 3 in which said at least one inorganic filler comprises titanium dioxide and kaolin in a total amount from 6% to 10%, the composition contains no more than 2% organic solvent, and the composition further comprises at least one thickener and at least 2% of at least one copper salt.
5. The composition of claim 4 in which said at least one organic solvent comprises at least one solvent selected from di-glycol solvents and tri-glycol solvents.
6. A method for producing an aqueous dispersion comprising from 15 to 30% of 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone, at least one inorganic filler, at least one surfactant and no more than 5% organic solvent; said dispersion being stable with regard to agglomeration and phase separation for at least three months at room temperature; said method comprising combining in water said organic compound, the inorganic filler and the surfactant, at a

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temperature from 0°C to 35°C with agitation to provide a substantially uniform dispersion.

7. The method of claim 6 in which the dispersion contains from 18% to 25% of 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone, and the temperature is maintained from 2°C to 25°C.
8. The method of claim 7 in which said at least one inorganic filler comprises titanium dioxide and kaolin in a total amount from 6% to 10%, the dispersion contains no more than 2% organic solvent, and in which the dispersion further comprises at least one thickener and at least 2% of at least one copper salt.
10. The method of claim 8 in which the 4,5-dichloro-2-octyl-3(2H)-isothiazolone is melted prior to addition to other ingredients.

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(K) Evidence Appendix

No evidence was submitted during prosecution.

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(L) Related Proceedings Appendix

There are no related proceedings.